

Brains Behind Brawn



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Plum Tops Contenders For Quarterback Spot

By FRAN FANUCCI

(This is the fourth in a series of articles covering each position on Penn State's football team. Today the Quarterbacks.)

The quarterback position—which requires skill, passing ability, and leadership qualities—is definitely in the hands of Milt Plum, a player backfield coach Joe Paterno calls "the best all-around quarterback we've had on the team since we've been here."

"Plum doesn't have any faults," Paterno said, "he's more of a leader now and more aggressive than he ever was." Plum's most fearsome problem was his inability to lead the team, but according to Paterno he has overcome this, which will undoubtedly make him one of the most feared men on the field.

Plum can, without a doubt, be called the only triple-threat in the Lion backfield. Not only does the 6-2, 195 pound senior pass well, but he is also the team's top punter and is considered a fine runner.

Excellent Defensive Man
As quarterback of the '55 squad, Plum threw 41 passes completed

17, including two touchdowns, and had four intercepted. He carried the ball 19 times, gaining a net of 86 yards for a 3.0 yards-per-carry average, and punted 14 times for 490 yards, which is a respectable 35 yards per kick. As a defeniseman he intercepted two passes, and his fine coverage of potential pass receivers made him a top pass defender.

Paterno said that his all-round play is bolstered by the fact that he is an excellent defeniseman. "He's not the passer Tony Rados was nor can he run as well as Don Bailey," Paterno said, "but for all-round performance on offense and defense he's the best."

Plum's running ability will unquestionably be under observation throughout the season, mainly because the option play, which is a quarterback's specialty, is usually one of the most potent weapons the Lions utilize.

Familiar With Split
Plum's familiarity with the split T, the Lions' offensive setup, goes back to his high school days in New Jersey. He was an All-Jersey quarterback because of his skill in handling his team's split-T formation.

If Plum should be injured then the QB slot will be wide open between juniors Al Jacks and Bob

Scrabis. Jacks is the number two quarterback now. Paterno said that he is well pleased with Jacks' playing this year. "He's a good passer, has good poise, he punts, and he is a fair runner," Paterno said.

"Can't Overlook Scrabis"
"But," Paterno added, "don't overlook Scrabis, who's been hurt most of the season." He said Scrabis can develop into a "great passer," but he is handicapped by his inability to punt, which is a strong point for both Plum and Jacks.

Scrabis, along with Plum and Jacks, is not an exceptional runner, so his inability to punt may have the Lion coaches lean a little towards Jacks for a replacement.

But no matter at what angle you view the quarterback position it is safe to say that it is one of the Lions' strongest points on the team.

Duquesne Cagers Accept Invitation to Tournament
LOUISVILLE, Ky., Sept. 18 (AP)—Duquesne University of Pittsburgh today became the fourth team to accept an invitation to play in the first annual Bluegrass Holiday Festival Basketball Tournament here Dec. 28-29.

St. Louis University, the University of Dayton and the University of Louisville were named earlier to the tourney at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center Coliseum.

Scherer Pitt Starter
PITTSBURGH, Sept. 18 (AP)—Coach Johnny Michelone announced today that Dick Scherer, a junior who starred at Pittsburgh North Catholic High School, will start at right end for Pitt.

Family Influence Accountable For Hosterman's Soccer Success

By LOU PRATO

"It runs in the family."

That in a nutshell is the generator behind Coach Ken Hosterman's success on the Penn State soccer scene.

Ken, with a three year coaching record of 22 wins and 2 losses—including two national champion teams—actually has soccer in his veins. Three older brothers distinguished themselves as all-time soccer greats during their undergraduate days at Penn State.

Woody Hosterman, 1934-1936, played during the eight-year undefeated reign of Bill Jeffrey. Walt Hosterman, 1939-1941, was a first team All-American choice in 1939 and 1940 and captain of the 1941 team.

Ralph Hosterman, 1946-1948, almost equalled Walt's record. He was an All-American selection in 1948 and captained the booters that year. Ralph was also deemed as the most valuable player of the 1948 team.

In 1946 Ken entered the University, preparing to follow in the footsteps of his brothers. His first year seemed to point to the fact that perhaps he would be the best of the Hosterman clan to play soccer for State. His sixteen goals led the Lions in scoring that year.

But fate stepped in. Ken broke his leg in the third game of his sophomore year—a break so bad that it brought an end to his playing days and forced him to drop out of school for a year.

Ken graduated in 1950 and two years later became employed by his Alma Mater as a physical ed-

ucation instructor. In 1953 Bill Jeffrey retired as head soccer coach after a 25 year regime. Ken applied for the job and got it.

His 1953 team won five and lost two and his 1954 National Champion eleven went unbeaten in eight encounters. Last season he ran his undefeated skein to 18—the longest unbeaten, untied record in Lion soccer history—with a mark of 9-0.

For his effort in 1954, Ken was chosen "Coach of the Year." Ken, himself, thinks that the 1954 soccer machine was the best he has coached. He also considers Paul Dierks, Jack Pinezich, and Dick Packer as the most outstanding players under his tutورشip. All three were All-American picks.

The toughest opponents in his three-year term has been the Temple squad of 1953 and the West Chester State Teachers College soccer men of last year. Temple beat the Lions 2-0, but West Chester dropped a 3-2 decision last season.

Ken, at 31 years old, is one of the youngest coaches in the Nittany athletic setup. A combat veteran of World War II, Ken is the father of three children—all girls.

When questioned about his good fortune with the Lion booters Ken made this reply: "I've been lucky so far in that we are still undefeated. But our streak cannot go on forever. I have stepped into the shoes of a great coach, and most of the time I feel that Bill is still wearing one of those shoes."

A Glance at . . .

SPORTS

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WETTSTONE AND THE OLYMPICS—

Did you ever stop to think of all the work and preparation that an Olympic coach goes through before his squad is ready to compete. Well, take it from Gene Wettstone—he loses plenty of sleep.

Wettstone, as most of us know, has been selected to coach the United States gymnastic entry at Melbourne, Australia in November. Before receiving this honor, the Lion ace had worked long and arduous hours in preparing for the Olympic Tryouts held at Recreation Hall last April.

After it was finally over, he believed that he was in for a well-deserved rest. However, it was not to be—he was named Olympic coach. A few days after the meet, he told us that, although he did not go looking for the job, he certainly would do all in his power to enhance our chances down under.

Knowing Wettstone and the way he is devoted to the art of gymnastics, we know that the U.S. will certainly present a creditable contingent at Melbourne—a possible winner.

Since his selection, he has been working continuously, sending out coaching releases to his team members and associates in the gymnastic field, preparing a training schedule, reviewing his squad's defects and assets, and examining many other pertinent problems. The material for his column is taken from a few of the coaching releases which he gave us.

Here's what Wettstone has to say about his performers:

JACK BECKNER—best chance is on the parallel bars—probably his strongest event. Will have to improve his dismount. Must stress his compulsory exercise constantly. Has outside possibilities on the horizontal bar.

DICK BECKNER—strong possibility on the still rings. Should expect tough competition from Armando Vega. Compulsory also needs constant practicing.

Abie Grossfeld—has the strength to win the horizontal bar if he can gain more smoothness. Must also have a control compulsory exercise to be a contender.

Joe Kotys—if he can regain his 1940 NCAA winning form, he can win the side horse. Emphasis also on a strong compulsory exercise.

Karl Schwenzfeier—has excellent chance in the calisthenics competition with some minor revisions in his routine. Rates highly on long horse and parallel bars.

Armando Vega—holds wonderful chance in three events—rings, parallel bars, and long horse. Must also place stress on his compulsory.

Wettstone has a training schedule set-up which will go into effect when he arrives at Los Angeles, the squad's gathering place, Oct. 15. It includes everything from hotel registration to rest periods, movies to sight-seeing tours and beach swimming.

The Lion coach believes that team members should be prepared to make some necessary sacrifices in order to achieve top physical condition. He plans three-hour workouts daily, although full scale gymnastic apparatus will not be necessary each day.

Wettstone firmly believes that this year's entry will definitely be a strong contender for Olympic honors. He is not the only one who holds this belief.

Jan Cronstedt, former Lion great, says that Vega and Beckner are strong medal contenders. Kurt Baebler, of Bern Switzerland, predicts America will be the surprise team in Melbourne.

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